

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Mike Dispenza, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale
Jim Ledford, City of Palmdale
Ron Smith, Vice Chair, City of Lancaster,
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Henry Hearn, Chair, City of Lancaster
Ken McCoy, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Dispenza presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jim Ledford led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken.

Agenda Item #1 - PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of May 15, 2007. Upon Motion by **HENRY HEARN**S, Seconded by **JIM LEDFORD**, and carried unanimously, the Board Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of May 15, 2007.

Agenda Item #3 - The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by **HENRY HEARN**S, Seconded by **JIM LEDFORD**, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed the Financial Report

Agenda Item #4 - Adopt a Resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a sixth amended joint powers agreement (JPA) relating to

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the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA); authorize the Board Chair to execute the Sixth Amended JPA; and authorize the Executive Director to execute and implement subsequent actions. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by **HENRY HEARNS**, Seconded by **JIM LEDFORD**, and carried unanimously, the Board Adopted Resolution #07-06, approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a sixth amended joint powers agreement (JPA) relating to the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA); authorizing the Board Chair to execute the Sixth Amended JPA; and authorized the Executive Director to execute and implement subsequent actions.

Agenda Item #5 – Receive and file Notice of Fund Availability by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority of \$2,500,000 dollars in Sustainable Communities Grant and Loan Program funds for grants of up to \$350,000 and up to \$150,000 in loan assistance to assist in the development and implementation of sustainable growth policies and programs. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by **HENRY HEARNS**, Seconded by **JIM LEDFORD**, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and filed Notice of Fund Availability by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority of \$2,500,000 dollars in Sustainable Communities Grant and Loan Program funds for grants of up to \$350,000 and up to \$150,000 in loan assistance to assist in the development and implementation of sustainable growth policies and programs

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Agenda Item #6 – DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

Agenda Item #7 - Ratify the approval by the Chairman of payments made to MDAQMD for services provided during the month of April 2007, in the amount of \$76,389.05. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Jean Bracy shared background information, staff recommendation. Upon Motion by **HENRY HEARNS**, Seconded by **JIM LEDFORD**, and carried unanimously, the Board Ratified the approval by the Chairman of payments made to MDAQMD for services provided during the month of April 2007, in the amount of \$76,389.05.

Agenda Item #8 – Approve to extend the Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) for the option period of two years, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 under the same terms and conditions, unless modified.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Jean Bracy shared background information and staff recommendation. Ms. Bracy and Eldon Heaston answered Board Member questions. Upon Motion by **HENRY HEARNS**, Seconded by **KEN MCCOY**, and carried unanimously, the Board Approved to extend the Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) for the option period of two years, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 under the same terms and conditions, unless modified.

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Agenda Item #9 - Adopt a Resolution approving and adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Jean Bracy shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from Board Members. Upon Motion by **JIM LEDFORD**, Seconded by **HENRY HEARNS**, and carried unanimously, the Board Adopted Resolution #07-07, approving and adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Agenda Item #10 - Approve spending authority for the District consistent with the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget until the FY 2007-08 Budget is adopted.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

ITEM PULLED BY STAFF.

Agenda Item #11 - Conduct a continued public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 301 - Permit Fees: a. Re-open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending Rule 301 and directing staff actions. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information, staff recommendation and slide presentation. Chair Dispenza re-opened Public Hearing and asked for public comment. None being, Chair Dispenza closed Public Hearing. This item has been continued to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of July 17, 2007. Staff has been requested to present information on the following:

- 1) Policy on unappropriated reserves.
- 2) Plan for the other 50% of AB2766 funds that are being replaced with fee increase.
- 3) How many fee increases will there be and what percentage is required to compensate for the reduction in application fees?

Agenda Item #12 – The Grant Projects Update is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the current implementation status of approved projects under the Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information and staff recommendation.

Received and Filed.

Agenda Item #13 – Authorize the revision of AVAQMD's Carl Moyer Program Policies and Procedures Manual and submission of the revised manual to the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by **RON HAWKINS**, Seconded by **JIM LEDFORD**, and carried unanimously, the Board Authorized the revision of AVAQMD's Carl Moyer Program Policies and Procedures Manual and submission of the revised manual to the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Agenda Item #14 – 1) Approve \$50,000 in Mobile Emissions Reduction Program funds to Wilsona School District towards the repower of two 1990 school buses with lower emission diesel engines; 2) Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form, with the school district. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from Board Members. Upon Motion by **JIM LEDFORD**, Seconded by **HENRY HEARNS**, and carried unanimously, the Board Approved \$50,000 in Mobile Emissions Reduction Program funds to Wilsona School District towards the repower of two 1990 school buses with lower emission diesel engines and Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and executed an agreement, approved as to legal form, with the school district.

Agenda Item #15 – 1) Award \$328,377 in Carl Moyer Program funds to W.M. Bolthouse Farms for the repower of twelve diesel irrigation pumps with new, electric, zero-emission motors, and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form, with W.M. Bolthouse Farms. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Steve Rodriguez shared information with the Board regarding the Bolthouse Farms Project. Bret Banks shared background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by **HENRY HEARNS**, Seconded by **RON HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, the Board Awarded \$328,377 in Carl Moyer Program funds to W.M. Bolthouse Farms for the repower of twelve diesel irrigation pumps with new, electric, zero-emission motors, and Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form, with W.M. Bolthouse Farms.

Agenda Item #16 - Reports

Executive Director – Eldon Heaston shared information regarding Nominations for the 2007 Election of the SDRMA Board of Directors. Jean Bracy is running for this position.

Deputy District Counsel – None.

Operations Manager – Bret Banks announced that the District will celebrate its 10th Year Anniversary next month.

Agenda Item #17- Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Items

None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. to the next regular Governing Board Meeting, July 17, 2007, 10:00 a.m.